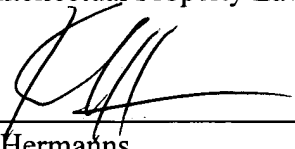


REMARKS

Claim 1 is now pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 2-13. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/117,717, which issued on December 16, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,664,261.

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